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METHOD FOR ALLOCATING  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C., 20231

This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2002. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), a petition to extend the time to respond up to three months, including December 19, 2002, is filed herewith. In addition, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, a Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith.

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08B is a supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (“IDS”) in order to comply with Applicants’ duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.97(d), a copy of the U.S. patent listed in the IDS is provided. The Examiner should consider Applicants’ present submission; a check to cover the applicable fee is filed herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121, kindly amend the application as follows.  
Substitute pending claims 1, 2, 9, 19, and 20 with the following:

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